

GRAUSTARK

#87

"Fall 1902" (1900)

10 October 1955

TURKISH FLEET RETURNS TO GREECE

RUSSO-GERMAN ALLIANCE THREATENS ENGLAND

After the "Spring 1902" campaign the Turkish fleet in the Black Sea retreated to Constantinople.

ENGLAND: A Yaw-Hol; T North Sea S A Yaw-Hol; F Bal S A Yaw-Hol.

FRANCE: A Pic S ENGLISH F Bal; A Bar-Balt; A Par-Ges; A Mar-Flo; F Mid-Sps (a. v.);

GERMANY: F Hal-North Sea; F Hol-Balt; A Rob-Mun; A Don holds; A Tyr-Vio.

ITALY: A North Africa holds; A Pic-Mar; F Tur-Wes; F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Gal-Vin; A Rus-Vin; A Tri holds; A Ser S A Tri; F Two holds.

RUSSIA: F Bar-Norwegian Sea; F Norway S GERMAN F Hal-North Sea; A St. P-Mos; A Ser-Rom; F Sev S A Ukr-Rom; F Bal S A Ukr-Rom; A Two-Hal.

TURKEY: A Arm-Ank; F Aeg-Uss; A Bul S F Aeg-Ges; F Don S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English Fleet in the North Sea must retreat to either Edinburgh, London, the English Channel, or the Biscay Sea. The Russo-Hungarian Fleet in Greece must retreat to either Albania or the Ionian Sea. The High Command Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Belgium, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London. (4)

FRANCE: Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (6)

GERMANY: Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Munich. (5)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Tunis, Venice. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Berlin, Trieste, Vienna. (4)

RUSSIA: Moscow, Norway, Rumania, St. Petersburg, Sevastopol, Sweden, Warsaw. (7)

TURKEY: Ankara, Belgrade, Constantinople, Greece, Smyrna. (5)

In "Winter 1902" England and Turkey may each establish one new unit. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit. The deadline for these retreats, establishments, and removal is SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 1955.

Players are cautioned to send in their moves prominently marked with the name of their country, the season for which the moves are submitted, and the title of the game (G. R., "1955"). Attention to this recommendation will prevent such an error as the one committed by one of the players in 1955: he sent his moves to the wrong Game-master and they had to be telegraphed in just under the deadline.

THREE PLAYERS - 1955.

ROME (August 17, 1902): The Government today made public the Italian declaration of war against France. His Excellency Camillo Barone, Italian Ambassador to France, handed the note to the French Foreign Minister at eight o'clock on the morning of August 16th. The note declared that the main reason for the Italians entering the war was the French violation of the Milan Treaty of 1859. That the French fortified the French-Italian border in the fall of 1901, they violated Section 3 of the treaty. The French build-up of the garrisons along the border was also a vio-

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SUBSCRIPTION AND PUBLICATION POLICY

A few questions from the readers of GRAUSTARK about subscriptions, together with a ludicrous error by the Gamesmaster which led to some subscribers receiving #66 before #65, require an explanation.

At present, four postal Diplomacy games (1965A, 1965L, 1965NT, and 1965Q) are in progress in GRAUSTARK. A fifth, 1965T, has recently been concluded, and GRAUSTARK's sister publication HURITANIA carries reports of a sixth, 1965B, the oldest postal Diplomacy game now in progress. Only people participating in a game from which they have not been eliminated will necessarily receive the bulletin of that game by air mail. If, for example, a certain issue of GRAUSTARK carries news only of 1965L, a player in 1965Q will receive that issue by surface mail, or likely by air mail along with the next issue of GRAUSTARK carrying word of 1965Q.

Non-playing subscribers, players who have been eliminated from their games, and players in the New York metropolitan area, will receive GRAUSTARK and/or HURITANIA by surface mail. As the U. S. Post Office expands its program of sending first-class inter-city mail by air mail, the Gamesmaster will take this opportunity to cut postal costs.

What happens if a subscriber later enters a game? Well, let us suppose that a Diplomacy fan began his subscription with the 60th issue. A couple of weeks later, he sends in \$2.00 and enrolls in 1965Q. He still receives issues #60-65, six issues, on his subscription. Play in 1965Q began in #66, so this player receives that issue and all subsequent ones to the end of 1965Q as part of his game entry fee. Let us say that play in 1965Q will continue until the 94th issue. Of course, this player's subscription, made before he entered 1965Q, has four issues yet to run. He will accordingly receive issues #95-98, and then he will cease receiving GRAUSTARK unless he re-subscribes.

According to my records, the following people presently enrolled in postal Diplomacy games are entitled to such deferred subscriptions after their present games end: Frank Clark, 7 issues; Derek Nelson, 8 issues; Charles Reissel, 7 issues; Anders Swenson, 5 issues. The Gamesmaster will entertain petitions for correction in this listing.

Play in 1965B seems to be drawing to a close; the most recent moves made by the three surviving players (Bruce Fels, Dan Fels, and Roland Trudikor) were for "Winter 1916". The remnants of HURITANIA subscriptions will be transferred to GRAUSTARK when 1965B is completed.

The Gamesmaster regrets that entries for postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK will be suspended until further notice. Exceptions will be made only for Teen entries (see GRAUSTARK #54 for rules), and for stand-by players.

Beginning with this issue, stand-by registrants for games are solicited to prevent games from being made less interesting by a lapse of one player. A stand-by pays the regular registration fee of \$2.00, and is entitled to all the privileges of a player including the receipt of GRAUSTARK by air mail. If one player fails to submit a move, the stand-by is asked by the Gamesmaster to send in moves for that country for the next turn. If the defaulting player misses the next turn, the stand-by's moves are accepted instead, and he takes over play of that country for the remainder of the game. For example, let us say that the player of Italy fails to submit moves for "Spring 1903". The stand-by then submits moves for "Fall 1903". If the original player of Italy in that game sends in "Fall 1903" moves, the Gamesmaster accepts them and the original player continues to play. But, if the original player sends in no moves for "Fall 1903", the Gamesmaster accepts the stand-by's moves, and the stand-by takes over the play of Italy in that game. The Gamesmaster may, however, continue the original player as in the opinion conditions do not warrant dropping him from the game.

No stand-by players are presently enrolled for any GRAUSTARK games, and such entries are hereby solicited. Players may specify in which game they wish to be enrolled as stand-bys.

This is

O At
P Grant
E Intervale
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

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This act culminated a long diplomatic dispute between the United States on one hand, and Great Britain and Canada on the other. Since the beginning of the war seven years ago, Canadians in increasing numbers have been crossing the border to avoid conscription. Since the Farmer-Labor Socialist Peace Party came to power in the United States, the U. S. government has refused to extradite these men back to Canada.

OTTAWA (15 March 1905, Reuters): Today Prime Minister Lennox-Reed declared Ambassador Clemens persona non grata and ordered him out of the country. "We fail to understand the concern of the U. S. Government for these slackers," Lennox-Reed told the press. "In this hour, when the British Empire and its gallant German allies are standing together against Russian savagery, the United States is failing to do its part."

Ambassador Clemens had apparently anticipated the Prime Minister's declaration. He and his entire staff departed the capital today, en route to the United States. The people leaving with Clemens were mostly draft-age youths with Canadian accents, although all were furnished with United States passports in perfect order.

WASHINGTON (19 March 1906, AP): President Watson attacked Prime Minister Lennox-Reed's implication that the United States is pursuing a pro-Russian policy. "We're ag'in' the war, period!" he told the press. "In fact, last week a boatload of Siberians rowed across the Bering Straits and took refuge in Alaska from Russian conscription. And I think that the reception given by the people to Quebec to Ambassador Clemens when he left through that province indicates that the war is just as unpopular in Canada as it is here."

PRESS RELEASES - 1955NT

WISCONSIN, MEDINA (PKP): Norman Ford, chairman of the General Semantics Department at Midwestern University today commented on the state of Europe in Alternate Time Track 1955NT: From the semantical point of view the most successful nation is Tryphemo, with the Lafayette Powers running rather behind, but quite in advance of the nonentities on the Youngstown team who, in addition to being verbally invincible, are also a supply center behind. As you know, my own Law of Dynamic Variables indicates that the key to international success is international verbosity. I wish both sides the best of success, but really there is only one possible outcome. Tryphemo forever!

TRYPHEMO: King Pansole emerged from the harem long enough to support Prime Minister Tais' policy of Neutrality. "There is not even provision for war," he pointed out, "in Tryphemo's code of laws. The first article states, 'Do no wrong to your neighbor.' The second, 'Respect the rights of others.' The third, 'Be as good as you please.' There are no further articles."

So saying, the King returned to his harem, and to his 365 wives.

PRESS RELEASES - 1955Q

SPHENS: "I am afraid our little country will soon be overrun by the barbarians. Italy and Austria-Hungary threaten from the West and North, and in the East some young Turks are plotting for Athenian blood. Our only hope is to let the great powers fighting among themselves. Turkey has already been approached by Russia and Austria with promises of alliance against the other, while Italy, in spite of the recent craze for Wiener-Chivalry on the Via Veneto, is waiting for Austria to overextend itself in the Balkans. Meanwhile Germany is making Lebensraum at the expense of both Russia and Austria, and is apt to get none if it keeps up the pretense of friendliness with both. We could appeal to the League of Nations, but it hasn't been thought up yet." - Spiros Propertoross, Minister of Information.

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VICTORY AT SEA

The following Team Diplomacy game was played on Thursday 7 October 1965 at Brooklyn College between Michael Aita (England, France, and Germany) and John Boardman (Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Russia).

Spring 1901

ENGLAND: A Liv-Tyr; F Lon-North Sea;
F Mid-Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE: A Por-Ber; F Bro-Mid; A Mar holds.

GERMANY: F Rio-Ber; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S
A Ber-Sil.

ITALY: A Ven-Tyr; F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud-Gal; F Tri-Alb;
A Vio-Ber.

RUSSIA: F St. P-Ber; F Ber-Mun; A Mos-St. P.
A Ber-Sil.

Fall 1901

ENGLAND: F North Sea-Norway; A Ion-Ber;
F North Sea S A Ion-Ber.

FRANCE: F Mid-Por; A Mar-Ber; A Mar-Pio.

GERMANY: F Dan-Swe; A Mun S A Sil; A Sil
S A Mun.

ITALY: F Ion-Ber; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Boh-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Alb-Gro; A Ser holds;
A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA: F Mun holds; A Mar-Sil; F Ber-
Swe; A St. P-Mun.

Winter 1901

ENGLAND: Builds A Ion, A Sil.

FRANCE: Builds A Mar, A Por.

GERMANY: Retreads A Mun-Ber.

ITALY: Builds F Mun, F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Bud, A Vio.

RUSSIA: Builds F St. P. (north coast)

Spring 1902

ENGLAND: A Ber-Ber; F Norway S GERMAN
F Dan-Swe; A Sil-Norway; F North
Sea S A Sil-Norway; A Ion holds.

FRANCE: F Por-Spa (south coast); A Pio-
Tri; A Por-Ber; A Mar S A Por-Ber;
A Ber S ENGLISH A Ber-Ber.

GERMANY: F Dan-Swe; A Sil-Mun; A Ber S
A Sil-Mun.

ITALY: F Tur-Ber; F Rom-Tur; F Nap-Tyr;
A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Tri-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Gro-Ion; A Ber-Bud;
A Bud-Gal; A Vio-Ber; A Mun S
A Vio-Ber.

RUSSIA: F St. P-Norway; F Ber-Swe; A Pld S
F Ber-Swe; F Ber-Mun; A Ber-Sil.

Austria-Hungary then retreated A Mun-Kio.

Fall 1902

ENGLAND: A Ber-Ber; F North Sea S A Sil-
Ber; A Ion holds; F Norway-Tur;
A Gro S GERMAN F Dan-Kio.

FRANCE: A Ber S GERMAN A Mun; A Ber S
ENGLISH A Ber-Ber; A Mar-Gal;
A Pio-Spa; F Gro-Liv.

ITALY: F Tyr-Liv; F Rom S F Gro-Liv; A Ven-
Pio; F Tur S A Ven-Pio; A Tyr S
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Kio-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Ion-Tur; A Kio-Mun;
A Ber S A Pio-Mun; A Ber-Gal;
A Gro-Liv.

GERMANY: F Don-Kio; A Mun & A Bor S F Don-Kio

RUSSIA: F Rio-Aeg; F St.P-Norway;
F Swa & A Pin S F St.P-Norway;
A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Kio-Mun.

Winter 1902

ENGLAND: Removes A Lon.
FRANCE: Removes A Pio-Mar; builds F Bre.
GERMANY: A Mun annihilated.

ITALY: Removes A Tyr.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Pio, A Bud.
RUSSIA: Builds F St.P (north coast).

Spring 1903

ENGLAND: F Woe-Don; F North Sea-Norway;
A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY: F Lyo-Spa; F Woe S F Lyo-Spa;
F Rio-Lyo; A Pio-Mar.

FRANCE: F Bre-Mid; A Mar holds; F Spa S
A Mar; A Gas S F Spa; A Bur S ENGLISH
A Ruh-Mun; A Bol S A Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Rio-North Africa;
A Bud-Cel; A War-Pru; A Cel-War;
A Mun S RUSSIAN A Sil-Bor; A Boh
S A Mun; A Pio-Tyr.

GERMANY: F Kio & A Bor S ENGLISH A Ruh-Mun.

RUSSIA: F Aeg-Ion; A Sil-Bor; F Norway-Lon;
F Swa S F Norway-Ska; F St.P-Norway;
A Pin S F St.P-Norway.

Fall 1903

ENGLAND: F North Sea holds; F Don S F
North Sea; A Ruh S GERMAN A Bor-
Mun; A Hol S F Kio.

ITALY: F Woe-Mid; F Lyo-Spa; F Rio-Lyo;
A Pio-Mar.

FRANCE: A Mar & F Spa hold; A Gas S A Mar;
F Mid S F Spa; A Bur S GERMAN A Bor-
Mun; A Bol-Aub.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F North Africa S ITALIAN
F Woe-Mid; A Cel-War; A War-Sil;
A Pru S RUSSIAN A Sil-Bor; A Mun S
RUSSIAN A Sil-Bor; A Boh & A Tyr
S A Mun.

GERMANY: F Kio S ENGLISH F Don; A Bor-Mun.

RUSSIA: F Ion-Tyr; F Rio-North Sea;
F Norway S F Rio-North Sea; F Swa-
Ska; A Pin-Swa; A Sil-Bor.

Retreats: FRENCH F Mid-Por; GERMAN A Bor
annihilated.

At this point Boardman holds 10 supply centers to Aita's 12. Aita resigned.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN A. McALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Halston, Alberta: I have a few remarks to make on team games as played under the rules you are using in Granston, I. e., 6-man game rules, Turkey and Bulgaria removed from the playing board, and the 6 countries assigned by lot to the two teams. When Ken Davidson first became interested in Diplomacy about 4 weeks ago, he suggested that we play a number of games under those rules, so that he might become familiar with the board and learn the rules by actual experience, these to be 2-man rather than 2-team games, with each of us playing 3 countries. We have since played some 15 or so games of the type with the invariable result that the man who gets Russia always wins. Moreover the game is so lop-sided that the issue is never in any doubt at all after "Fall 1903". 1905JT seems to confirm our findings. That is, the team game, as now played, is not a game at all; it is a lottery. If Russia designs Russia to Team A, it wins; if not, it loses.

Note that this does not say that the 6-man game is unplayable ordinarily, I. e., in non-team games. In that case, Russia may not secure 2 allies, or even 1; if she does these allies may prove unreliable, and so on. But as a team game, it is just

not a game.

Since then Ken and I have tried a few games under the rules for team games which I suggested and which you published in Grandstaff #56. That is, one side given first pick of country, the other side the pick of those remaining, and so on, the 7th, unpicked, country being neutral territory. We have only played 3 games of this, far too few to make a definite statement. The side that owned Russia won all of these also, but were far more interesting games. One of them ran until "1916" before the outcome was clear. That is, a genuine game result. If Russia is picked first (and the result of our experiences with the other game has made this the usual choice) two things can happen:

1. The other side immediately picks Turkey, placing a virtually impregnable sun on Russia's flank.

2. The other side picks some other country on its first choice. Russia then picks Turkey itself. This choice means that Russia deliberately abandons wide areas of Western Europe to uncontested enemy occupation. Also the two Black Sea fleets and, to a lesser extent, Turkey's Egyptian army can not be quickly brought to any major theater of war.

Both possibilities, 1 and 2, seem to result in a situation where the chances are fairly even between the two sides.

A difficulty here is that neither Ken nor I have ever played a normal over-the-board game. I would like to see our findings on your game substantiated or contradicted by others. The next time the YUDS meets and finds that 9 people have turned up, how about John Kenning and John Smythe declaring themselves out for the night (anyway it will give some other members of the club a chance to win for a change) and playing your two man game? As, in our experiences, the issue is always decided by 1902 they could play quite a number of games in an evening. If their findings agree with ours the team game, as presently played, should be outlawed. Then further research might be done on my version.

((I would attribute the victory of the Scarborough team in 1955, and my win against Aite, to greater experience in the game.))

ARTHUR B. S. KROEN, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif.: I suggest that the way to score a Diplomatic game is to score 1 point for each supply center held for each turn in the game. The penalty for not moving would be to discount the points held for the turns when moves are not sent in. This system reflects a number of conditions which should be taken into account in scoring - it provides a measure of the success each country enjoyed during the game, and players who do not send in moves are penalized in some rough proportion to the effect which their silence had on the game. People with large empires who don't respond for years are hit in the teeth while those who see their empires falling apart are somewhat excused for giving up interest when they are reduced to one or two centers. The fatal flaw here is that a hang-on in a tremendously long game gets much more credit than the winner in a short game. Of course, it is possible to say that it is easier to win in the short game than to hang on in the longer fray. What do you think?

The Lafayette Tactics Association was organized by a number of high school kids who wanted to play war games. At this date, the high schoolers are in college and the war game we invented has broadened its scope to include international finance (this after I read Richardson's studies of arms races).

JOHN KOWING, 318 S. Bella Vista, Huntington, Ohio 44139: Mr. Blake, you didn't mention Earl Robinson's actions before the HUAC in 1961 in your previous judgment of that worthy. ((See Grandstaff #64)) All you did was brand him a Communist because he had refused to answer questions before the Committee - some I, even as president of the local ISI chapter, would have been inclined to do. Of course, if Earl Robinson is a leader of the "Medicine Committee to Send Dr. Glavin to the Moon" he must be a Communist. Yes, indeed. But, say, Mr. Blake, isn't it just possible that even one of those insidious, evil, treacherous Communists might be sincere in his opposition to war - sincere enough to have no ulterior motives in writing an anti-war cantata for children? It is that too much to believe?

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lation of the treaty.

A second reason for the Italian move was the French support given to the English invasion of Belgium. It appears that the unprovoked attack left no alternative but to enter the war upon the side of the beleaguered Belgians and Germans.

The Government made no mention of England. So the question now is will the Italians declare war on the French ally? Official sources believe that the Italian Chiefs of Staff and the Government will make no overt move that would bring the English into the Mediterranean.

ROME, ITALY (August 17, 1902): As a result of the impending clash of arms with France the government has issued a call to arms for all able bodied men between the ages of 18 and 40. The Reserves were already activated on the 16th. From every city and village can be heard the clanging foot of the regiments. It is impossible to purchase train reservations as every piece of rail road equipment has been thrown into the herculean task of mobilizing the Italian Army. Reports in from Torino and Milano show that the main mobilizing centers for the front are these cities. Unofficial sources say that over 40,000 men and mountains of equipment have arrived in Torino since the morning of the 16th. Complete mobilization is scheduled to be finished no later than August 31st. By then over 1,000,000 men will be with their regiments in position to repel the thrusts of the enemy.

VENEZIA, ITALY (August 19, 1902): The Italian garrison posts along the Isonzo River have been denuded of their regiments. Since the night of the 15th the garrison troops have been leaving for the French border.

Rumors of a German thrust into Austria have been discounted as being the work of French spies. Cardona was heard to say, "even if the Bosch have moved into Tyrolia I cannot believe they would attack the very nation that has come to their assistance."

CUNEO, ITALY (September 2, 1902): The long awaited fall offensive has begun. On the morning of the 1st, elements of the II Corps attacked the Tonda Salient. The first official communique from the High Command report that Tonda fell today to the 10th Brigade of the 11th Division. To the south Briol and La Glandola were taken after seven hours of heavy fighting. It is estimated that over 18,000 enemy troops are trapped in the Mount Saccarello Sector by the anvil and hammer attack.

Casualties have so far been very light. The communique list the Italian casualties at 1,904 killed, 7,235 wounded and 345 missing. The French losses have so far been very heavy. By actual body count 4,000 were killed. Over 3,000 prisoners have been taken. Loss in guns and material is even higher. One wounded Italian captain is reported to have said that the French regiment opposing his command fled, throwing away their equipment as they ran, when his company charged their positions near Monton.

PARIS (Department of War, September 2, 1902): General Pain de Mais announced France will honour the treaty with Belgium insuring its neutrality and "in the event of any attack by any foreign power, will come to Belgium's aid, and that any such attack will be considered as an attack on France. In honouring that agreement we have been forced to declare war on Germany because of its dastardly attack on innocent Belgium. The Declaration of War will be delivered to the Kaiser by General Pain de Mais when "our glorious Armed Forces occupy Berlin".

VENTIMIGLIA, ITALY (September 4, 1902): The First Army of the Duke of Aoste has opened the main offensive of the fall campaign. It is apparent that with Highway 28 secured by the Tonda Offensive the Italian High Command has ordered the capture of Nice and Cannes. With these cities in their hands the High Command will then be in excellent position to launch a drive at the industrial complexes of the Rhone Valley.

PARIS, FRANCE (Department of War, September 5, 1902): General Pain de Mais: The French forces in Burgundy are carrying out the offensive in the Saar, and should be able to liberate the Dutch people from the Kaiser's tyranny by Spring.

BISEA, ITALY (September 7, 1902): In a surprise move the Italians have launched

an attack at the mountain passes of the Col du Mount Denis, Lt. General Focci saw Ridi's VII Corps spearheaded by Alpine units are reported to have already captured the commanding heights of the Mount Denis Sector. Though there are no official reports as of yet, it is rumored that Lanslebourg is not within range of the Italian artillery. I am now on my way to the front to confirm the reports of the fighting.

SUSA, ITALY (September 8, 1902): The VII Corps have indeed taken the passes and already are moving into the city of Lanslebourg. So surprised was the French garrison that it is retreating without attempting to oppose the Italian units.

Communities are so small that it is hard to believe that the French made any attempt to defend themselves. As I moved towards the front I passed large groups of French prisoners of war being led back to Susa. I did not, did not, observe any wounded men among any of the prisoners. So the fighting must be very light if in fact any fighting is occurring along the Lanslebourg front.

PARIS, FRANCE (Department of External Affairs, September 10, 1902): M. Max Zolot: "We have sent Italy an ultimatum to honor the non-aggression pact signed in 1901 or face the double consequences of (a) letting it be known that any treaty signed by the Italians is worthless while Raycho is in power; (b) of having the superior French forces depose the Dictator and put a government in power which will agree with and aid the French Government."

LANSLEROUGE, FRANCE (September 10, 1902): The first serious fighting in the Lanslebourg campaign commenced today. An estimated three French brigades and mountain troops heavily supported by large caliber artillery attempted to retake Lanslebourg. The small village changed hands three times before the French were thrown back. Losses on both sides were the heaviest of the war. Nearly 7,000 men were killed and over 17,000 wounded in the savage seven-hour battle. I have never seen such a disregard for life as shown by the French and Italian commanders. If the present fighting is a taste of what is to come, then the war cannot last more than eight or nine months. There are just not enough men in France and Italy to maintain the battle strength of the infantry units at the present casualty rate.

SYRIA: El Big Brother announces today his treaty with Austria-Hungary:

1. Serbia and Rumania to be Austrian.
2. Bulgaria and Greece to be Turkish.
3. Austria can have Albania too!

4. Won't someone please tell Trax Koning that the Black Sea is the gut part of Turkey?

P. S. Turkey and Austria declare war on Russia.

DAS HOCHSTEN KOMMANDO DER OBERKAMMERHERR DEN ZWITZEL REICH (October 31, 1902 not Telephone): The German Economic Minister today appeared before a grateful Kaiser and took full responsibility for ordering the German Fifth Army into Austrian soil. The Minister, one Otto von Pilemann, claimed that Austria's no-tariff policy was a threat to bleed Germany dry of goods and money. His German troops had to restore the frontier and erect tariff barriers. If remedial action is not taken soon by Austrian authorities to restore the old confiscatory tariffs and corrupt customs officials, discussions may have to be carried to the highest official levels in Vienna, stated Herr von Pilemann.

But the Kaiser was not satisfied with this explanation of the treacherous appearing actions in Austria and so Herr von Pilemann was deposed, to be replaced by Fritz von Machiavelli.

Lloyd's Intelligence Estimate

SAN MARINO (July 23, 1902, by Original Special Service): Well, here we are in sunny San Marino, still safely and jump ahead of our creditors, and freed of the crushing Anderson income taxes as well as the bad arranged room. Subscribers please note this latest change of address, which should be permanent.

Don't, or perhaps because of, her boasted claims, L. I. E. S. Intelligence Analyst Susan Calvin compiled an Analysis Accuracy Factor of only 69.23. She, in similar fashion to many of the crowned heads of Europe, was done in by the treacher-

One and several maneuverings of the English and Germans.

Your current analyst, who hopes to win the Grand Intelligence Sales (sic) Prize of a free trip to the St. Louis Exposition of 1904, is Kimball Kinnison, Please cooperate.

Current standings: Adam Link - 57.49

Susan Calvin - 59.23

European workup, Summer 1903: French-English cooperation has finally won them Belgium. But is this alliance as stable and enduring as it appears? Or has England seduced Italy into putting the squeeze on la belle France?

Rise why the new fleet based on London?

This analyst predicts that Germany and Austria will place two armies and a fleet on the Italian mainland by this date next year.

The Turks and Russians must be the most ineffectual fighters seen in Europe since the French of 1870. Neither could subdue the woefully weak Russian police guard.

Speaking at length, the German Emperor's death anniversary coincides with the centenary of Prince Otto Edward Leopold von Bismarck-Schönhausen, who died just four years ago at the age of 83. Especially since the most likely candidate for "First European Capital to Fall to the Conqueror's Heel" is Berlin. Question is, who will be the Heel?

Long-range forecast - 1903 will mainly be a year of naval engagements.

Who can stop Russia in the North? Who can stop Italy in the South?

The Lone Wolf threatens to introduce air power into the present general conflict in Europe.

Frank Clark reports that on 13 September 1903 he became the father of a son, Timothy Christopher Clark. It is rumored that Charles and Jane Wells will also soon become parents.

There will quite likely be an opening for another player in 1905Q. Write for details if you want to play as a substitute for one of the listed players in that game. The list of players in 1905Q appeared in DUCK #88, and play begins 2 weeks from now.

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